

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1115  
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COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS  
Hussain Shri Anwar

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Community Radio Stations in the country particularly in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the number of such Stations set up in the country particularly in North Eastern Region till date, State and Union Territory-wise; and
- (d) ) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up such Stations in the Country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.DASMUNSI)

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Question does not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.
- (c) All India radio has already set up Five Community Radio Stations in North Eastern Region; Two in Meghalaya, Two in Nagaland and One in Mizoram.
- (d) The Government has no proposal to set up Community Radio Stations at present. However, the Government has formulated a Policy on Community Radio whereby Educational Institutions, 'Non-profit' organizations like civil society and voluntary organizations, State Agricultural Universities, ICAR institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Registered Societies and autonomous Bodies and Public Trusts registered under Societies Act or any other such act relevant for the purpose, can apply for grant of permission to set up Community radio Stations subject to fulfillment of the conditions laid down in the Policy guidelines. The details are available in this Ministry's website: [www.mib.nic.in](http://www.mib.nic.in).